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1. WHITE HOUSE PLANS FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE JULY 21.

BEGIN TEXT.

THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS INVITED A BIPARTISAN
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO VISIT CHINA FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS
BEGINNING AUGUST 20. THE DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY
REPRESENTATIVE JOHN B. ANDERSON (R. - ILLINOIS) WITH
SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD (D. - WEST VIRGINIA) AS DEPUTY
LEADER. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN
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SLACK (D. - WEST VIRGINIA), REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD J.
DERWINSKI (R. - ILLINOIS); SENATOR JAMES B. PEARSON (R. -
KANSAS), AND SENATOR SAM NUNN (D. - GEORGIA).

DETAILS OF THE TRIP, WHICH WAS AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE DURING SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER'S NOVEMBER, 1974 TRIP TO PEKING, ARE NOW BEING WORKED OUT BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE WHITE HO;5E AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION

WITH THE LIAISON OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN WASHINGTON.

THIS WILL BE THE NINTH DELEGATION OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO VISIT CHINA SINCE THE ADMINISTRATION INITIATED EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE US-PRC RELATIONS IN 1971--APART FROM PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT IN FEBRUARY, 1972 AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SEVEN TRIPS TO PEKING. THE EIGHT PREVIOUS VISITS INCLUDED SEVEN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS. THESE WERE LED BY SENATORS MIKE MANSFIELD AND HUGH SCOTT IN APRIL, 1972; REPRESENTATIVES HALE BOGGS AND GERALD FORD IN JUNE OF THAT SAME YEAR; A GROUP LED BY SENATOR WARREN MAGNUSON AND REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS MORGAN IN JULY, 1973; A VISIT BY SENATOR HENRY M. JACKSON IN JULY OF 1974; A DELEGATION HEADED BY SENATOR J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT AND REPRESENTATIVE PETER FRELINGHUYSEN IN SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR; A VISIT BY SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD IN DECEMBER AND A VISIT BY REPRESENTATIVES CARL ALBERT AND JOHN RHODES THIS APRIL. THERE WAS ALSO A VISIT BY A DELEGATION OF SIX STATE GOVERNORS, LED BY GOVERNOR DANIEL EVANS OF WASHINGTON IN MAY OF 1974. END TEXT.

2. WIVES WILL ACCOMPANY THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

3. WASHINGTON SUPPORT GROUP ACCOMPANYING DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF WILLIAM KENDALL, DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT (HANDLING SENATE AFFAIRS), ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION JOHN THOMAS OR A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF, AND PRCM DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG.

4. REFERENCE PEKING 1323, WE WELCOME SUGGESTIONS THAT MR. AND MRS. THOMAS ACCOMPANY THE DELEGATION IN THE PRC.
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5. DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE BY SPECIAL PLANE AT SHANGHAI MAY 20, APPROXIMATELY MID-DAY, AND WILL PROBABLY DEPART FOR U.S. FROM SHANGHAI AUGUST 29.

6. WE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS AS THEY DEVELOP. KISSINGER

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